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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandría, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the office action dated October 6, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.